Terrorist outfits in J&K

†788. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the terrorist outfits operating in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the names thereof alongwith the number of active members of each of the outfits;

(c) whether Government have made efforts to bring these outfits back into the mainstream of the country during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the number of such outfits which have joint the mainstreams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Hizbul-Mujahideen, Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-ul-Jehad-e-Islami, Al-Umar-Mujahideen, J&K Islamic Front and Al-Badr are some significant terrorist outfits operating in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Assessment of the combined strength of all terrorist groups operating in J&K vary between 3250 and 4500. Assessments also indicate that over two third of all terrorists within J&K are foreign terrorists.

(c) and (d) Government has reiterated from time to time, its willingness to talk with all groups within J&K who abjure the path of violence. However with the terrorist groups drawing sustence and even instructions, from across the LoC/IB, no group has responded positively.

Talks with ULFA

789. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what decision have been taken by Government to have dialogue with ULFA after getting the request from the Assam State Government;

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